

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	U.S. Organic Farming, 1997-2007: A Decade of Policy Change and Growth		
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	ERR		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Influential Scientific Information	
Agency:	Economic Research Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
	USDA		
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Subject of Review:	Over the last decade, U.S. policy on organic agriculture has shifted from a focus on facilitating consumer market access to a differentiated product to a much broader agenda that includes research, data development, and other initiatives. While U.S. organic production has increased steadily during this period, not all organic commodity sectors have kept pace with demand and organic imports are now playing a significant role in supplying the U.S. organic market. This report examines recent production trends in the U.S. organic sector, and the economic and environmental impacts of organic production—including case studies on organic grains and dairy. The State and federal initiatives that are emerging to help broaden interest in this sector are also described in this report.		
Purpose of Review:	The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.		
Type of Review:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Reviewers
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start:	02/06/08	End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX
Number of Reviewers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 or fewer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	Economists		
Reviewers selected by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Outside Organization
	Organization's Name:		
Opportunities for Public Comment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:		
	How:		
	When:		
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



